

## **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

In the paragraph bridging pages 3-4 of the application, please amend as follows:

5                   --In one embodiment, the holding vessel is chilled to maintain the ice pieces  
at a temperature of lower than about 34°F ~~degrees Celsius~~. In another embodiment, the  
apparatus further includes an ice making device including a water source that is operatively  
associated with the holding vessel so that ice pieces are automatically produced thereby and  
disposed in the holding vessel. In another embodiment, the readily transportable containers  
are fully formed, hanging plastic bags including an open end that is closed after the metered  
10 or weighed portion is deposited therein. In another embodiment, the apparatus further  
includes a fan that operates to blow open the unsecured end of each bag to facilitate filling  
of the bag with the metered portion of ice pieces. In yet another embodiment, the apparatus  
further includes a positioning device configured and adapted to position the bag so the open  
end can receive the metered portion of ice pieces, a closing device configured and adapted  
15 to releasably fasten each open end to seal each bag, or both.--